



NGCP Webinar Chat Transcript:

Oyanova: Empowering Communities and Inspiring Change

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Dr. Caitlin Milera; NDSGC & ND NASA EPSCoR: Hello! Thank you for hosting this webinar. This is Caitlin Milera, with the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium.

Kata Lucas (she/her): Welcome everyone! Thank you for joining us 😊

Kata Lucas (she/her): Learn more about NGCP: <https://ngcproject.org/>

Jessica M Moore: Hello, I am Jessica Moore, STEM Educator from St. Louis MO, with the organization Unleashing Potential

Colleen Smith (she/her): Hello! I'm Colleen Smith coming to you from CodeJoy out of Pittsburgh, PA.

Brenda Britsch: Hi Everyone! This is Brenda Britsch with NGCP. I'm excited about this webinar!

Kata Lucas (she/her): Join us for upcoming webinars and events: <https://ngcproject.org/events-announcements>

adrienne: Happy Pythagorean Theorem Day...9/16/25...enjoy math "nerds"!

Kata Lucas (she/her): Subscribe to NGCP monthly e-newsletter: <http://ow.ly/Zuds30qwpOK>

Kata Lucas (she/her): <https://oyanova.com/>

Nikhaule (Nuh-Cow-Lay): Hi friends! Nikhaule here, joining from the Southside (arguably the best side, with the best food) of Chicago. Excited to be here with y'all.

Dale McCreedy: Hi - Dale McCreedy from NE TN and TN Girls Collaborative.

Kata Lucas (she/her): Website: <https://oyanova.com/>, IG: @oyanovaenterprises

Kata Lucas (she/her): To learn more about Dr. Jessica Esquivel: <https://JessicaEsquivel.com>

Kata Lucas (she/her): To Follow Jessica: @DrEsquivelPhD on all channels

Kata Lucas (she/her): To follow Emily: IG and LinkedIn are both @OyanovaHealing and to connect with Emily directly on LinkedIn go to: www.linkedin.com/in/emilyesquivel

Amanda Sullivan: If you're just joining, welcome! Feel free to scan the QR code onscreen and join this activity!

KimyaWare: Hello, I'm Kimya Ware from ST. Louis.

Katie Bean- EcoTarium Science Museum Worcester, MA: Katie Bean Museum Educator & Early Learning Coordinator in Worcester MA

Natalie Avitia: Hello all, I am Natalie Avitia, Community School Coordinator, Albuquerque, New Mexico!

Amanda Sullivan: Welcome everyone, thank you for joining us today!

Amanda Sullivan: If you have any questions as Jessica and Emily are speaking, please put them in the chat so we can ask them during the Q&A!

Amanda Sullivan: For those just joining, you can learn more about Oyanova here:
<https://oyanova.com/>

adrienne: These introductions make me think of the work of Robin Wall Kimmerer - have either speaker been inspired by her work? Whose work has inspired them? What role models/mentors?

Amanda Sullivan: Thank you for that question! We'll ask it during the Q&A.

Brenda Britsch: Love the framework - and your discussion about it is very helpful.

adrienne: How do you plan to assess the impact of the framework? What metrics for "proof of concept"?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question, we'll add that to our list of questions! I'm sure others want to learn more about the QUANTA framework as well

Amanda Sullivan: We will share the slides with everyone after the webinar

Amanda Sullivan: To learn more about Queer Quest: <https://queerquest2025.com>

Natalie Avitia: Destruction and creation are one in the same 🙌

adrienne: Thanks for asking and answering my question.

Amanda Sullivan: If anyone else has questions, please feel free to DM the NGCP team, put them in the chat, or raise your hand!

Amanda Sullivan: These questions have been great so far

Natalie Avitia: What advice do you have for schools who may be looking to create stem after school clubs/programs for historically marginalized communities? (K-8) specifically

Amanda Sullivan: Great question, Natalie! I'll ask that next

Brenda Britsch: It sounds amazing!

Kata Lucas (she/her): Another reminder - To learn more about Queer Quest:
<https://queerquest2025.com>

Kata Lucas (she/her): We will share the Oyanova website and our amazing speakers info again!

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Amanda Sullivan: If we don't get to your question today, please connect with NGCP and your speakers on social media!

Kata Lucas (she/her): That is such a perfect example, questioning the stereotypes and norms that ground the model

Kata Lucas (she/her): <https://www.ifthencollection.org/>

Kata Lucas (she/her): Yes, we love all videos of Jess in the collection 😊 We draw on them often in our work at NGCP

Natalie Avitia: Amazing, thank you so much!!!

Colleen Smith (she/her): Thanks so much! Always a joy to be in company with NGCP connections!

adrienne: Take care everyone!

Brenda Britsch: Thank you both! This has been incredible :-)

Emily Morgan: Thank you!

Dr. Caitlin Milera; NDSGC & ND NASA EPSCoR:m Thank you both so much for sharing your insights and your work. 💛

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